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11. Capt: Dudley Lovelace uncle also to the deceased in like mourning single.

12. The Councell all in Mourning.

13. The Mace with Maior and Aldermen in their black Gownes

14. The Principall Burgers of the Citty 2: and 2.

15. All the English and Dutch Women 2: and 2.

16. The cheife English and Dutch Men. 2 and 2.

17. All Masters of Shipps and Vessells.

18. All the other English and Dutch men. 2. and 2. to the number of 500. the greatest p't of them in black.

Wines sweet meats and Bisketts and such Services till 10. at night.

At the entrance of the ffort stood his Royall hignesse's Company of Guards with Colours furl'd Drums beating a ffunerall March and afterwards severall great Gunns fired thence.

At the Interm^t of the Corps 30. peices of Ordnance more fired.

2. *A Letter of Benjamin Franklin, 1775.*

THE following letter of Franklin was discovered by me in a volume of the Continental Congress Papers containing "Letters of John Hancock and Miscellaneous Papers". Franklin had acknowledged the receipt of the Petition to the King in a letter to Thomson, dated February 5, 1775, a letter which was unsigned, and is now among the so-called Thomson Papers in the New York Historical Society. This second letter on the Petition, also unsigned, has escaped notice, although it is wholly in Franklin's well-known writing. Even the clerk in the Secretary's office who at a later day indorsed or docketed the paper was strangely ignorant of its origin, for he wrote: "Letter, March 19, 1775. Anonymous from London to C: Thomson, Esq." Indeed the year of the indorsement looks more like 1795 than 1775. The original is in the Papers of the Continental Congress, Volume 58, folio 343, now in the Library of Congress.

WORTHINGTON CHAUNCEY FORD.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TO CHARLES THOMSON.

LONDON, March 13, 1775

Dear Sir,

I have some Thoughts of going with Osborne¹; but as I may be disappointed in that, I write a few Lines, to acquaint you, that the Petition of the Congress has lain upon the Table of both Houses ever since it was sent down to them among the Papers that accompany'd it from above, and has had no particular Notice taken of it; our Petition to be heard in support of it, having been, as I wrote you before, rejected with Scorn in the Commons; which must satisfy the future Congress that nothing is to be expected here from that Mode of Application.

¹ Captain Osborne, of the *Pennsylvania Packet*, with whom Franklin went to Philadelphia later in this month.